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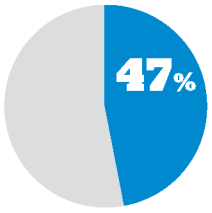


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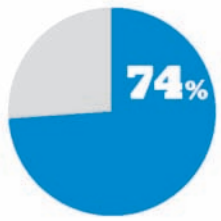



**Direction of country**

**74 percent** of Americans believe the country is on the wrong track

**Congress**

More registered voters—**48 percent**—said they would back Democrats in congressional races if the November 2012 elections were held today

**POLITICS**

# WHERE WE'RE AT NOW

Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain is nipping at the heels of Mitt Romney, and more than half of the country is unhappy with President Obama, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll released Wednesday. Here are the bits and pieces. REUTERS

**ECONOMICS 101**

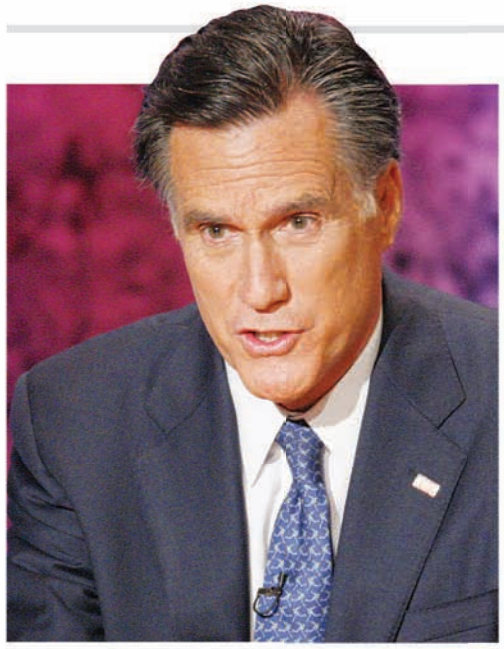
Americans' verdict on how the two parties would handle the struggling economy—the issue expected to be central to the 2012 election—generally favored Republicans. Asked which party was best equipped to handle the following issues, here is how people answered.

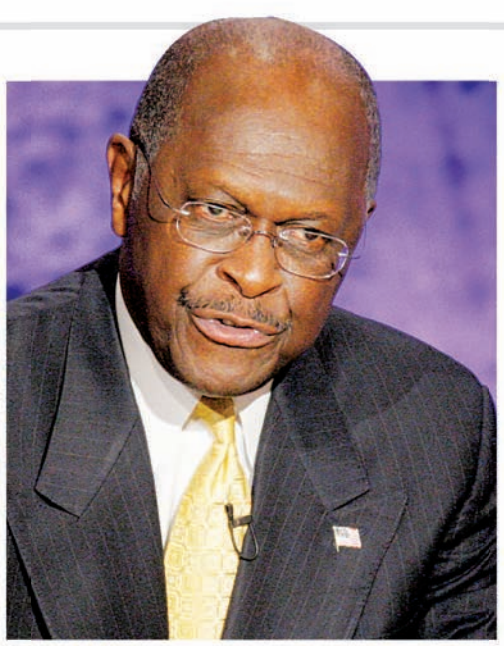
On reducing the deficit
Republicans Democrats

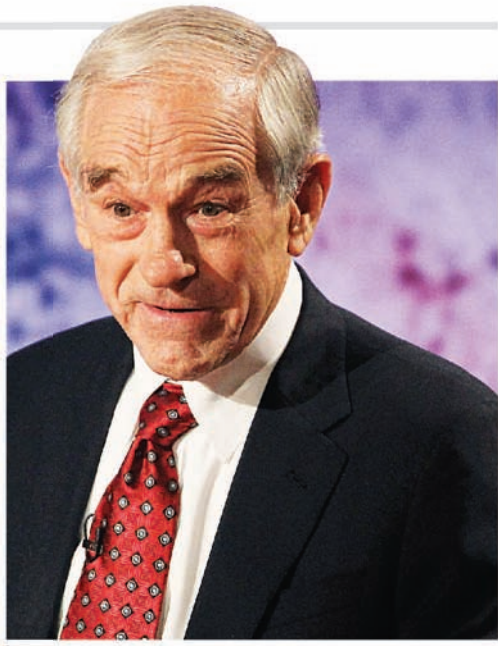
On making country globally competitive
Republicans Democrats

On generating economic growth
Republicans Democrats

On creating jobs
Republicans Democrats







**MITT ROMNEY**

The former Massachusetts governor is holding on to his support but failing to increase it significantly.

» **23 percent** of Republicans back him, up from 20 percent in June

**HERMAN CAIN**

The businessman who has emerged as a surprise front-runner after proposing a radical tax reform, nearly tripled his support among Republicans in the same period.

» He has a **19 percent** approval rating, up from 7 percent four months ago

**RON PAUL**

The Texas congressman is in third place, ahead of Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

» Paul has a **13 percent** rating, while Perry clocked in at 10 percent

**THE PALIN EFFECT** Supporters of **Sarah Palin**, who announced last week she would not run for president, have not coalesced behind a single candidate, the survey found.

# Sex and math just don't mix

**Ana Fernatt**
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In the new Anna Faris movie, "What's Your Number?," a woman realizes she has slept with 20 guys and thinks she needs to discover her match within that group of guys. According to the film, sleeping with any more people would make Anna's character a loosey goose.

I'm not going to use this space to be judgmental or prescribe any one number as being the tipping point to "too many." As long as you've kept yourself safe, it's really all the same ball of wax: You're a sexually active individual. To quote R. Kelly, "There ain't nothin' wrong with a little bump 'n' grind"—as long as you have a number higher than 18 on your state ID. (Sorry, R.!) While maneuvering your sexual exploits, however, you've got to recognize that the ol' six degrees of Kevin Bacon also applies to every person you get busy with.

Let's say you hook up with a sexy somebody. In doing so, you've basically disqualified all of his or her friends and any hot, single family members, whether you've met them or not. Do you like this person enough that you are willing to take that chance? A friend of mine once went on a first date with a girl he met online. She began talking about her best friend, whom he then realized he had also taken out in the past week. On his way to the men's room to call me for advice, he ran into yet another girl he had been on a date with the week before. The world is not as big as you think!

When I meet a guy I like, I immediately try to determine if he knows any of my gal pals. The last thing I want is to introduce my new boyfriend to my ladies only to find out he's slept with half of them. Nobody wants a boo who's banged your bestie. Chances are you probably already know the weird things they did together.

Comparing numbers is just as problematic. What if the person you are dating has had more partners than you? It's pretty unlikely that you are going to find someone who has your exact number. And, honestly, a high number doesn't equate to being more experienced. To figure that out, you'd have to calculate exactly how many times you've boned rather than number of partners and, well, keeping a running tally would be a little weird.

I used to ask guys I was dating how many people they'd gone vertical with. It was a curious fascination, but now that I've matured, I don't ask anymore. Honestly, I don't want to know either way. All I want to know is: Who are we together, and what are we doing now? I'm listening to whether he wants a relationship. I'm trying to understand if our personalities mesh in the right way. Is this somebody who cares about me? There is so much more to a union than the basics of bonking.

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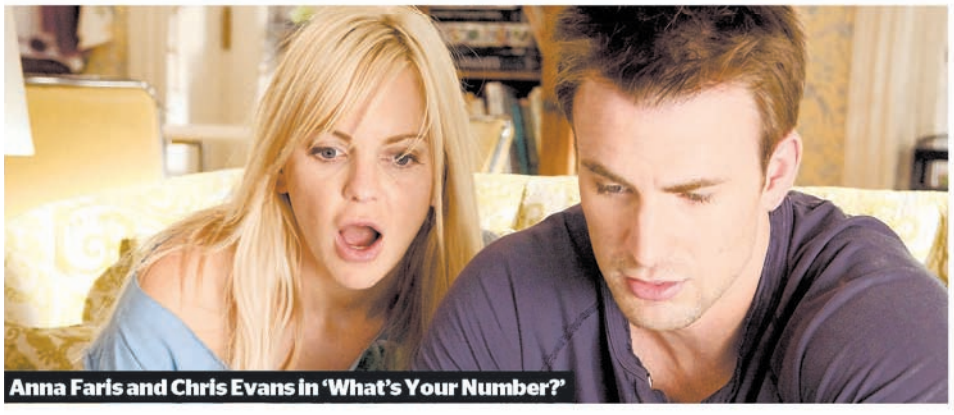

Anna Faris and Chris Evans in 'What's Your Number?'

## TWEET INDEX

HOT RIGHT NOW

### We'll take that BET

Did you see the show? Everyone's still raving about Tuesday night's BET Hip Hop Awards performances. Here's what was trending Wednesday on Twitter in Chicago—and most of it revolved around the BET event.

**Blind Fury**
The next big rapper?

**#LookAtMeNow**
We see you, Chris Brown

**Heavy D**
Still got game

**PSAT**
Pencils down!

## IN

**Theo Epstein**
Looks like the Cubs will land a winning general manager. Not that anyone's planning a championship parade yet ...

## OUT

**BlackBerry**
Like, way out. Service outages keep millions from reading their emails.

## WHATEVER

**Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore**
What more can be said than what has been repeated ad nauseam by the gossip mags?

"Tweet is for losers."

NBA commentator Charles Barkley in a video posted on his website. Hey! It's called Twitter, Charles! #duh #winning

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# TOUGH LOVE BUDGET PLAN

**Chicago Tribune**

Mayor Emanuel on Wednesday unveiled a tough-love budget that asks taxpayers, city workers and aldermen to sacrifice to avoid harsher measures down the road.

His spending plan would hit up out-of-towners and suburbanites for more money, shutter three police stations (Belmont, Wood and Prairie District), cut library hours, overhaul garbage collection and double city water bills for the average Chicago household by 2015.

Both in a 30-minute presentation to the City Council and later in speaking to the Tribune editorial board, Emanuel prided himself for having the moxie to make tough choices.

"I've taken on a tremendous amount of political sacred cows, walled off, things that were taboo ..." Emanuel told the Tribune.

In wiping away a near $636 million deficit that loomed in the early stages of the budget-making process, Emanuel resorted to occasionally optimistic projections about how he can achieve savings. For instance, Emanuel penciled in $33 million in extra revenue by banking on the city's ability to be more successful in collecting bad debts.

In all, Emanuel laid out a blueprint for spending $6.3 billion next year, up 2.1 percent from the current budget. But, the critical portion of the budget dedicated to day-to-day spending on city operations dropped 5.4 percent to nearly $3.1 billion.

To help accomplish that, Emanuel laid out a broad series of spending cuts, program revamps and fee increases. He did not ask the council to impose increases in general taxes such as the sales or property tax.

Emanuel also proposed wiping the books of 1,252 vacant positions on the police payroll and eliminating hundreds of unfilled positions in other city departments, as well as laying off about 500 middle managers at an array of agencies.

## PROPOSED INCREASES

**HEAVY VEHICLE STICKER FEE:** Owners of SUVs and minivans would pay $135 instead of $120 or $75. Pickup truck stickers would go from $180 to $200. Commercial trucks would rise from $420 to $450.

**CONGESTION PARKING TAX:** $2 extra a day during the week to park in downtown parking lots. Fees would include $10 more for weekly parkers and $40 more for monthly parkers.

**HOTEL TAX HIKE:** A 1-percentage-point increase per hotel room per night.

**WATER, SEWER RATES:** Water rates would jump 25 percent next year and 15 percent a year for the following three years. All told, the increases would more than double an average single-family bill for water and sewer by 2015.

**NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY FINES:** Double the drunken-driving car impounding fee to $2,000; fines for failing to cut weeds would increase by about $100.

Mayor Emanuel presents his budget to the City Council on Wednesday.
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## THE DIGIT

# No. 1

That's where The Elysian Hotel in Chicago (left) ranks on the list of U.S. hotels, according to the Conde Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards. The Peninsula Hotel came in at No. 3. The awards were based on the quality of rooms, service, food and dining, location and overall design.

## EXPRESS LINES

» A man the FBI suspects of robbing a downtown bank branch three times since August held up the same bank again Wednesday afternoon, according to the FBI.

» DDB Chicago has lost its role as the lead creative advertising agency for Bud Light, the nation's best-selling beer.

» Illinois Republicans, still uncertain of their importance in the White House nominating process, will run a presidential straw poll coinciding with the one-year countdown of the general election.

» The head varsity football coach at Fenger High School was charged last week with misdemeanor simple assault for allegedly threatening a student who was accused by one of the coach's players of stealing a pair of Nike flip-flops, Chicago police confirmed Wednesday. TRIBUNE

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# HOMICIDE TRACKER

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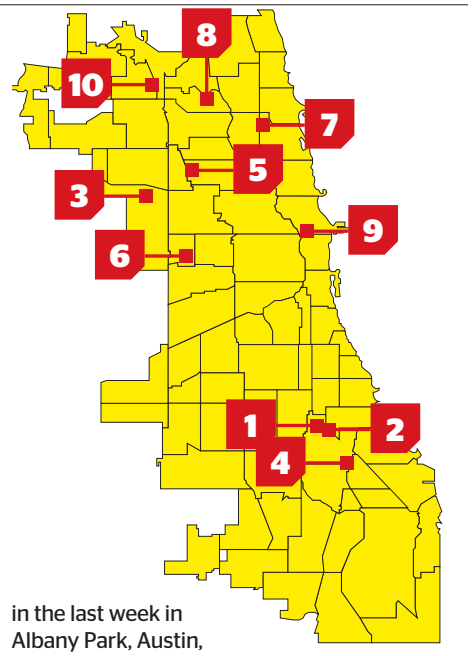


Lakeview, Logan Square and the Near North Side, three community areas that don't typically log homicides, each recorded a homicide in the last week, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

In Lakeview, a 29-year-old man was shot to death Saturday in the 4000 block of North Ashland Avenue, police said. It was the second homicide this year for Lakeview, RedEye data shows.

In Logan Square, a 22-year-old woman was fatally shot Saturday in the 2300 block of North Harding Avenue, officials said. It was the second homicide this year for Logan Square, RedEye determined.

On the Near North Side, a 31-year-old woman was stabbed to death Monday in the 100 block of West Huron Street, police said. It was the first homicide this year for the Near North Side, according to RedEye data.

Citywide, gunshot homicides were recorded in the last week in Albany Park, Austin, Chatham, Greater Grand Crossing, West Garfield Park and Woodlawn, officials said. Meanwhile, a 3-month-old Jefferson Park girl died this week from injuries related to child abuse and the case was ruled a homicide, officials said.

Thirteen homicides have been recorded so far this month. Police recorded 35 homicides in October 2010, RedEye found.

*Homicides from Oct. 5 to 4 p.m. Wednesday. Note: All locations had one victim.*

**1** **6600 BLOCK OF S. WABASH AVE.**
Date: Oct. 5 Cause: Gunshot

**2** **6700 BLOCK OF S. LANGLEY AVE.**
Date: Oct. 6 Cause: Gunshot

**3** **5500 BLOCK OF W. NORTH AVE.**
Date: Oct. 6 Cause: Gunshot

**4** **7900 BLOCK OF S. DREXEL AVE.**
Date: Oct. 7 Cause: Gunshot

**5** **2300 BLOCK OF N. HARDING AVE.**
Date: Oct. 8 Cause: Gunshot

**6** **400 BLOCK OF S. PULASKI RD.**
Date: Oct. 8 Cause: Gunshot

**7** **4000 BLOCK OF N. ASHLAND AVE.**
Date: Oct. 8 Cause: Gunshot

**8** **4800 BLOCK OF N. BERNARD ST.**
Date: Oct. 9 Cause: Gunshot

**9** **100 BLOCK OF W. HURON ST.**
Date: Oct. 10 Cause: Stabbing

**10** **5100 BLOCK OF W. AINSLIE AVE.**
Date: Oct. 10 Cause: Child Abuse

# Grants to help CTA upgrades

**Chicago Tribune**

The CTA will receive $38 million in federal grants to purchase more energy-efficient buses, upgrade the dilapidated Wilson Avenue Red Line station and make progress on a project to improve lakefront bus service, officials said Wednesday.

The largest grant, $30 million, will go toward replacing older buses with new diesel-electric hybrid buses, according to Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.).

A $6 million grant will be used to modernize the Wilson Red Line station in Uptown. The station, which opened in 1900 and has not received major upgrades in many years, provides rail service and bus connections to more than 55,000 residents. The Wilson station project includes a new elevator and exterior rehabilitation, officials said.

The CTA also is receiving a $2 million grant to conduct a study on improving service along the city's lakefront bus corridors. The study will examine the 24-mile north-south lakefront corridor from Howard Street to 103rd Street and the downtown area.

The route currently is served by 18 CTA bus routes carrying 109,000 weekday passengers on congested roads. Various concepts are under study to provide more reliable and convenient access to the downtown and job centers outside of the central area, as well as to ease congestion.

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## Celeb hacker faces multiple counts in court

**1** Federal authorities have accused a Florida man of hacking into accounts on computers and other devices belonging to more than 50 people, including Scarlett Johansson and Christina Aguilera, officials said Wednesday.

Christopher Chaney, 35, of Jacksonville, Fla., was indicted on charges of accessing protected computers without authorization, damaging protected computers, wiretapping and aggravated identity theft, officials said.

Chaney allegedly was able to access passwords by monitoring social media and other online sites that the celebrities used

### Underwear bomber enters guilty plea

**2** A Nigerian accused of trying to blow up a U.S. airliner on Christmas Day 2009 with a bomb in his underwear pleaded guilty Wednesday in Detroit and said he wanted to avenge the killing of Muslims by the U.S.

### BlackBerry meltdown

The company that makes the BlackBerry is working to end a three-day service disruption that has frustrated millions of customers. Research In Motion said it may not be able to clear the backlog of messages until Thursday morning.

### He made how much?

In his effort to get the super-rich to pay more taxes, Warren Buffett revealed that his adjusted gross income last year was $62,855,038 and that his federal income tax bill came to $6,923,494—which he insists is not enough.

Two women react Wednesday outside a hair salon in California where eight people were killed. MCT

# 8 dead, 1 injured in salon shooting

**3** **LOS ANGELES** The death toll in Wednesday afternoon's mass shooting at a Southern California beauty salon rose to eight as Seal Beach police reported that two of the three critically injured survivors died.

A ninth person remained in critical condition, Sgt. Steve Bowles said.

Six people were found dead inside the Salon Meritage after police responded to a call about shots being fired inside the business shortly after 1 p.m. Wednesday, police said. Three more were found critically injured, Bowles said.

A suspect, described as a white male, is in custody, he said.

"He was cooperative. He did not provide any resistance to the officers and he was taken into custody," Bowles said.

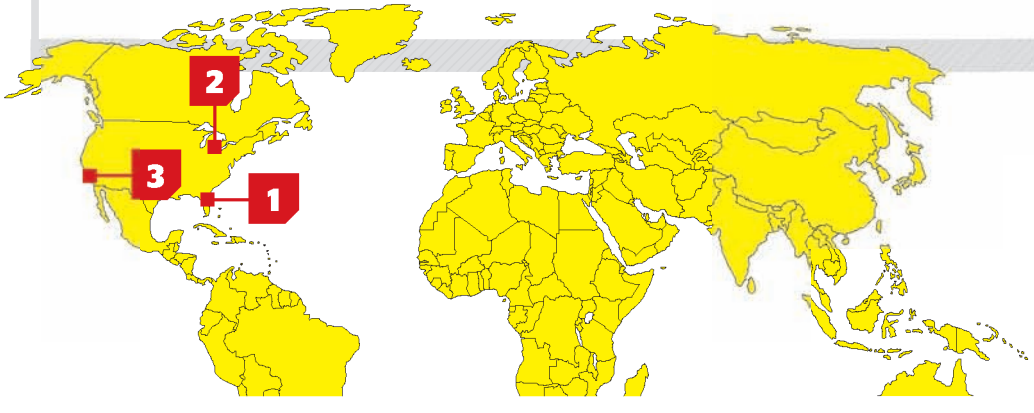
Authorities are investigating what relationship the gunman had with anyone inside the Salon Meritage.

"We don't know if he's related or what his involvement is with the salon," Bowles said.

"It appears that the salon was busy at the time, and it appears as if almost every hair station was occupied," he said.

The people shot appeared to be seeking shelter or cover during the shooting, Bowles said. Victims were scattered throughout the salon, and one of the injured was a man who was found outside the salon, Bowles said.

Authorities don't know whether that man was shot inside or outside the salon.



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# HOT

## CAN THE RED SOX'S WORLD SERIES ARCHITECT MAKE THE CUBS A WINNER?

**Chicago Tribune**

It looks as if Theo Epstein's reputation as a curse killer is about to be put to the ultimate test.

A Boston radio station reported Wednesday that Epstein, 37, will sign with the Cubs for more than $15 million for five years. He is the general manager who built the Red Sox team that ended the franchise's 86-year World Series title drought in 2004, breaking the "Curse of the Bambino." Boston also won the 2007 World Series with Epstein at the helm.

When Epstein was hired by the Red Sox in 2002, at age 28, he became the youngest general manager in major-league history. The Yale graduate also has a law degree from the University of San Diego.

His next challenge: the "Curse of the Billy Goat."

WEEI's John Dennis reported that Epstein already has agreed to the deal and it will be announced later this week after compensation is decided. The Cubs had no comment on the report.

A team source said Wednesday that Epstein would command a big contract, "as you would expect of someone with his credentials."

### THE TALENTED MR. EPSTEIN

For all the buzz rabid baseball fans have generated about Theo Epstein, the presumed next Cubs general manager doesn't hog the spotlight. Here are some things you might not know about the man who built two World Series winners in Boston (2004, 2007).

SOURCES: BOSTON MAGAZINE, YALE ALUMNI MAGAZINE, CUBS.COM

1 Married Marie Whitney in 2007. They have a 3-year-old son, Jack.

2 Graduated from Yale, class of 1995

3 Law degree from the University of San Diego

4 Was raised near Fenway Park in Brookline, Mass.

**THE STARTING LINE** » Hawks vs. Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m., CSN » Sprained knee to sideline Bears' Matt Toeaina » ALCS: Texas at Detroit, 3:19 p.m., Fox » NLCS: Milwaukee at St. Louis, 7:05 p.m., TBS

**PATH CLEARED FOR RYNO RETURN?**

Ryne Sandberg's (right) name has surfaced in speculation about managerial possibilities if and when Theo Epstein takes over as Cubs general manager. Gordon Edes of **ESPNBoston.com** notes that Epstein offered Sandberg the managing job at Boston's Triple-A Pawtucket affiliate before the former Cub decided to manage at Lehigh Valley in the Philadelphia Phillies' system.

# FOR THEO

ESPN's Buster Olney also reported that the deal is done. Olney reported that Epstein and the Cubs have met twice, and that Red Sox management is fully prepared for his departure. Olney reported that the Cubs' deal with Epstein is closer to $20 million than $15 million, because of a $3.5 million conclusion bonus they inherited from his Red Sox contract.

Joel Sherman of the New York Post tweeted that Epstein made it clear to the Red Sox that he wouldn't return when his contract expired after the 2012 season.

Jon Heyman of **SI.com** reported that either cash or minor-league players will go to Boston as compensation, and that the Red Sox would be content with cash.

Shaun Rachau and Roger Riley, who worked with Epstein in 1996 when he was a 22-year-old intern working media relations and travel for the San Diego Padres, won't be surprised if he duplicates his success in Boston with the Cubs. They cite his dedication to work without arrogance or entitlement.

"People were calling him the 'golden child' back then, but I saw the work he put in," said Rachau, who now operates his own consulting firm in Scottsdale, Ariz. "It didn't take long to find out he was a genius. There are kids who study hard, and others who have things come easily. Theo's mind was well ahead of others."

Riley, now the senior director of team travel who also runs the home clubhouse for Arizona, put plenty of trust in Epstein once he arrived in San Diego.

"He was there all the time," Riley said. "He would look at all the stats, analyze them and put them [in the game notes]. Give him any task, and it was done. He could do anything and move on to bigger and better things."

Theo Epstein smokes a cigar after the Red Sox's World Series win in 2007. GETTY IMAGES FILE

**5** Plays guitar in a cover band called Trouser

**6** In 2002, at age 28, he became the youngest general manager in major league history when the Red Sox hired him.

**7** Has jammed with onstage with Pearl Jam frontman Eddie Vedder, an unabashed Cubs fan who wrote the song "All The Way" in tribute to his favorite team.

**8** Along with his fraternal twin brother, Paul, he established a charity called the Foundation to be Named Later, that benefits children and nonprofit organizations.

**MOUTH WATCH**

"Fans will attempt to temper their expectations, but they will not be able to hide their impatience. Everyone should remember when President Obama took office and the majority of Americans gave him the benefit of the doubt while he cleaned up the previous administration's mess. The same will go for Theo Epstein as he attempts to manage the contracts of Carlos Zambrano and Alfonso Soriano."

—RedEye Wrigleyville blogger **Brian Tarman**, on the Cubs potentially hiring Theo Epstein as their GM. Read Tarman's full blog post at **redeyechicago.com/wrigleyville**.

THE GREAT DEBATE

# Theo Epstein: Hot or not?

After media outlets reported Wednesday that Theo Epstein, general manager for the Boston Red Sox, has inked a deal to helm the Cubs, the Internet went bananas. Here's a 37-year-old, wildly successful GM who actually wants to come to title-starved Chicago. Epstein also at one time was on Boston Magazine's "Most Eligible Bachelor" list. Amid the sports-minded talk of a new day dawning for Chicago's lovable losers, this conversation surfaced in the RedEye newsroom: Is he hot?

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You can bet your you-know-what he is.

When I first heard that Theo Epstein was in the running to manage the Cubs, I thought, "Damn."

Damn. He. Is. Hot.

The 6-foot-2, Yale-educated GM would be a welcome addition to any River North bar that features a sea of 30-something guys in blue shirts and khakis who should've left the bar two hours ago. Or the faceless 20-something Big Ten brolios who should've quit two bars ago.

Epstein wouldn't be that guy. He'd be the guy—even if he weren't general manager of the Cubs.

Resume, money and power aside, Epstein would bring Hollywood charm to Chicago.

Go Studs Go.

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Nope. People are only fawning over his position and power.

The deification of Theo Epstein has begun, folks. Cubs fans are already calling for a title and misguided ladies such as Tracy are willing themselves to believe that dude is more attractive than he actually is. Enough already.

New guys with some allure of money and power come to town and women fall over themselves trying to snag him. The same thing happened when Jay Cutler arrived, remember? I swear to you, if Epstein were just some guy sitting in a River North bar, he wouldn't get a second glance from most girls.

You do have a point about the bros though. That blue shirt/khaki thing needs to stop.

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These five are intoxicating—and sometimes in a good way. Vote for your favorite by texting "**thu**" followed by the number next to your choice to **87708**.

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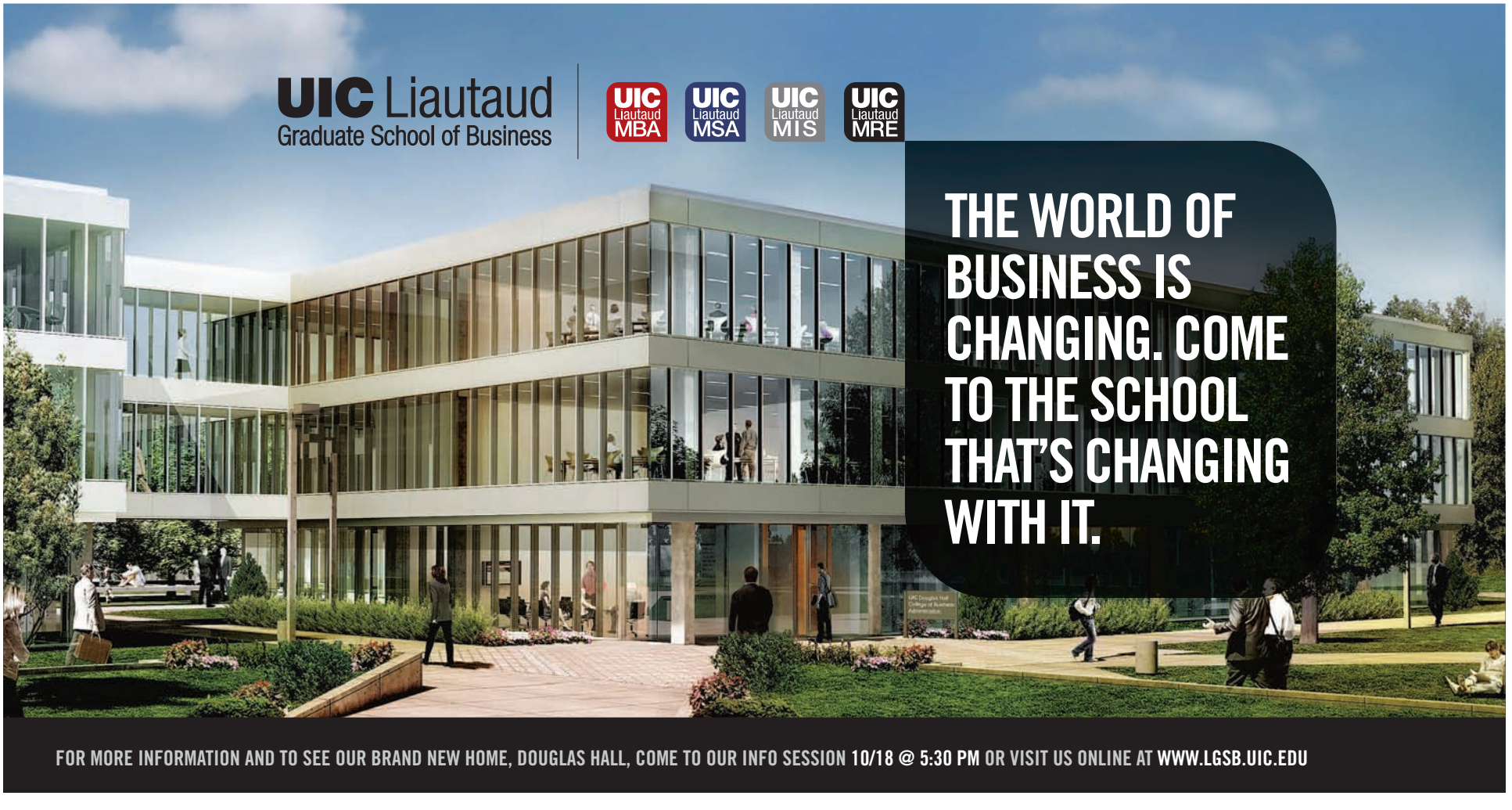
| **1 What Chicago athlete should have his or her own beer?** | Any Cubs pitcher. It's like doubling up on depressants! | Devin Hesterfeweizen. Rolls right off the tongue. | Since Dan Carcillo's nickname is already a cocktail, how about John Scott, "SCOTTSMAN"? | Patrick Kane. He's drank enough of it, so he should be an expert. | Who shouldn't, I suppose, is the better question. Answer: Carlos Zambrano, who doesn't need more rage. |
| **2 Console former Bears QB Kyle Orton, who lost his starting job to Tim Tebow.** | "No biggie, dude. Think of all the time you'll have to go skiing." | "This was only because of your performance, not your appearance. Well, actually ..." | "Hard to stay above The Chosen One." | "Don't worry, you'll start playing again by December when Denver fans finally realize Tebow sucks." | "At least you don't have to be Tim Tebow, buddy." |
| **3 Robin Ventura is to Ozzie Guillen as ...** | ... Bugs Bunny is to the Tasmanian Devil. | ... deviled eggs are to pineapple upside-down cake. I don't think I need to explain why. | ... Lovie Smith is to Mike Ditka. | ... a doormat is to a brick wall. | ... plain potato chips are to Flaming Hot Cheetos. Don't taste as good, but easier on the way out. |
| **4 Who bears the most blame for the NBA lockout?** | Ozzie Guillen. What, he didn't think there'd be consequences for taking his talents to South Beach? | LeBron James. Is it a coincidence this happened right after his "The Decision" season? Impossible! | Not sure, but Amare Stoudemire says they'll start their own league if it goes one or two years. YEARS?! | Can we just blame LeBron James, like the good old days? | Dwyane Wade, for not kicking the crap out of David Stern when he had the chance. |
| **5 Why has the Bears defense allowed so many big plays?** | Clearly someone has raided Lovie Smith's NyQuil stash. Being a pitchman means being responsible, Coach. | They all need new glasses, including the ones who don't wear glasses. No harm in trying. | If they don't know, I definitely don't. Maybe the Lions are that good ... | To cut costs, the Bears have replaced their defense with pylons and turnstiles. | They like big plays. Their offseason vacation spot? Broadway! |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# Cheers to comebacks

Is booze the new rally cap? White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski addressed reports Wednesday that Boston players drank beer in the clubhouse during games last season and admitted that he has done the same.

"Yes, absolutely I have before," Pierzynski told "The Dan Patrick Show." "Sometimes you're just really struggling and you just say, 'Hey, you know what, I need something to calm me down and let's have a beer.' A couple of us will do it together, and sometimes it works out. It's just, sometimes you just need a rally beer. If you're in extra innings and you're in about the 15th inning and you really need to get going again, that sometimes works for you."

We can't say we're surprised Pierzynski has had beer in the clubhouse, as he's known as a bit of a renegade. Yet it may or may not be the weirdest "rally object" used by professional athletes. Here's a list of some of the more well-known "rally aids."

**MONKEY**
**Best known for:** Helping the 2002 Anaheim Angels topple San Francisco in the World Series.

**HELMETS**
**Best known for:** Making hockey players look a bit silly when worn backward. Just remember to turn them around when on the ice, guys.

**GUM**
**Best known for:** Pitcher Nate Robertson started the "tradition" by chewing copious amounts of gum during Detroit's run to the 2006 World Series. It couldn't finish the job though; St. Louis won that series.

**SQUIRREL**
**Best known for:** Running across home plate at Busch Stadium in St. Louis in the 2011 postseason. That, and a fairly entertaining Twitter feed, **@BuschSquirrel**.

**CAPS**
**Best known for:** Aiding baseball teams around the world in their comeback attempts. Although they're so universal now that they're probably not all that effective.

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# TOAST OF FALL

## WARM, SWEET, SPICY DRINKS TO MAKE YOU GLAD IT'S COLD OUT

**RedEye staff**

Put down the margaritas and step back from the sangria: Fall is here and so are the spicy, hearty drinks that come with it. Cocktail bars around the city are busy spiking their latest creations with tastes of honey, apple, cinnamon, chocolate and more. We sampled a new drink off the fall menus of five popular cocktail spots already mixing their seasonal concoctions. Here are our rankings—from a year-round drink (1) to something you'll only crave when the leaves are falling (5).

FALL FACTOR 1

### BANGERS & LACE
### The Kooler

*1670 W. Division St. 773-252-6499*

This Wicker Park beer bar's new fall cocktail menu has seven concoctions, and the Kooler ($10) is first on the list. The drink is light and refreshing; a mix of gin, Malort, lime, grapefruit, honey, grapefruit bitters and orange marmalade. The subtle bitter tones were appreciated, but with so many citrus flavors the drink is a little too bright for fall. If you want to something that really gets you ready for cooler weather, try the Little Destroyer ($10), a whiskey-based drink that will warm you up and give your gut a punch. —**Margaret Smith**

FALL FACTOR 2

### AVIARY
### Fig

*955 W. Fulton Market. 312-226-0868*

The menu at Grant Achatz's experimental cocktail lounge has been in a constant state of evolution since opening this spring, and a handful of fall-inspired drinks recently made their debut. This flute of sparkling rosé with fig syrup on the bottom and distilled star anise on the top is served as part of the three-course cocktail tasting ($45). It's a refreshing, not-too-sweet cocktail, but doesn't scream autumn. If you don't want to spring for the cocktail trio, try the Cider ($21), an autumnal version of the lounge's porthole cocktail with thyme sprigs and pear slices. —**Lisa Arnett**

**FYI**

Chicago's Half Acre brewing is growing. According to the Tribune, the company has purchased the building it was previously renting in North Center and will expand into a part of the building that currently houses a chiropractor's office. Production is expected to double. We'll drink to that.

FALL FACTOR 3

**ELIXIR**

**#6**

*3452 N. Halsted St. 773-975-9244*

If bourbon is a spirit that screams "cold weather" to you, then this Boystown cocktail lounge creation is a good fit for the season. The #6 ($11) features bourbon, Laird's Applejack brandy, maple syrup, vermouth, allspice dram and chocolate bitters. The spicy drink could have used a little more of the maple flavor to balance out the bold bourbon, but the taste is bound to bring you out of any summer slump. **—Emily Van Zandt**

FALL FACTOR 4

**MORSO**

**Nightshade**

340 W. Armitage Ave. 773-880-9280

Grab a seat in the upstairs lounge at this Lincoln Park restaurant for some cozy cocktailing around a fireplace. The Nightshade is a perfect complement to fall weather thanks to its ultra-smoky mescal base with sage, triple sec, lime and a blueberry garnish ($13). If you're looking to end the night on a sweet note, the Snake Oil ($14) is reminiscent of the best (spiked) chocolate coffee drink you've ever had, made with stout, espresso, rye whiskey and maple, topped with an irresistible housemade cocoa whipped cream. **—EVZ**

FALL FACTOR 5

**SMALL BAR**

**Whiskey Fritter**

*1415 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-525-2727*

Our bartender called this "fall in a glass," and she wasn't kidding. It's got all the flavors—apple, cinnamon, ginger—that make you feel like jumping in a pile of leaves. Templeton rye and herbal liqueur Benedictine get mixed up with cinnamon syrup, ginger beer and apple butter, plus a dash of lime juice that keeps it from getting too cloying ($10). **—LA**

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SMALL BAR

NIGHTSHADE

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IRISH WHISKEY

# 5 FOR THE ROAD

Looking for even more seasonal cocktail options? Head to one of these five spots, which will continue to add to their menus through the rest October.

### Lady Gregory's

*5260 N. Clark St. 773-271-5050*

Attention big spenders: Head to Andersonville for the chance to spend $125 on an Irish Coffee (above) that includes a 1951 Knappogue Castle Irish Whiskey. Other fall drinks include the bar's FigHattan, made with whiskey, vermouth, orange bitters, housemade fig jam and a caramelized fig garnish for $12.

### Nightwood

*2119 S. Halsted St. 312-526-3385*

The Honey Badger No. 2, featuring gin, Koval Chrysanthemum Honey Liqueur, green chartreuse and pear brandy, will be available by mid-October.

### Sable Kitchen & Bar

*505 N. State St. 312-755-9704*

Look for this to be added to the menu next week: The Art of Seduction ( a mix of cognac, pineapple, absinthe, egg white and bitters) and the Blue Mountain (with rum, lemon juice and espresso-infused demerara sugar), both $13.

### Blokes & Birds

*3343 N. Clark St. 773-472-5252*

The fall drinks menu is set to include The Lady Appleburn, featuring boiled apple cider with cinnamon, vanilla beans and nutmeg infused with rum and a cinnamon stick served in a coffee mug for $10.

### The Violet Hour

*1520 N. Damen Ave. 773-252-1500*

Extensive seasonal selections include spicier, fall versions of Violet Hour's negroni and sazerac. And if you're looking for another reason to order something with Malort, try the Wicker Park Sour which mixes in pisco grapefruit, honey syrup, bitters and egg white.

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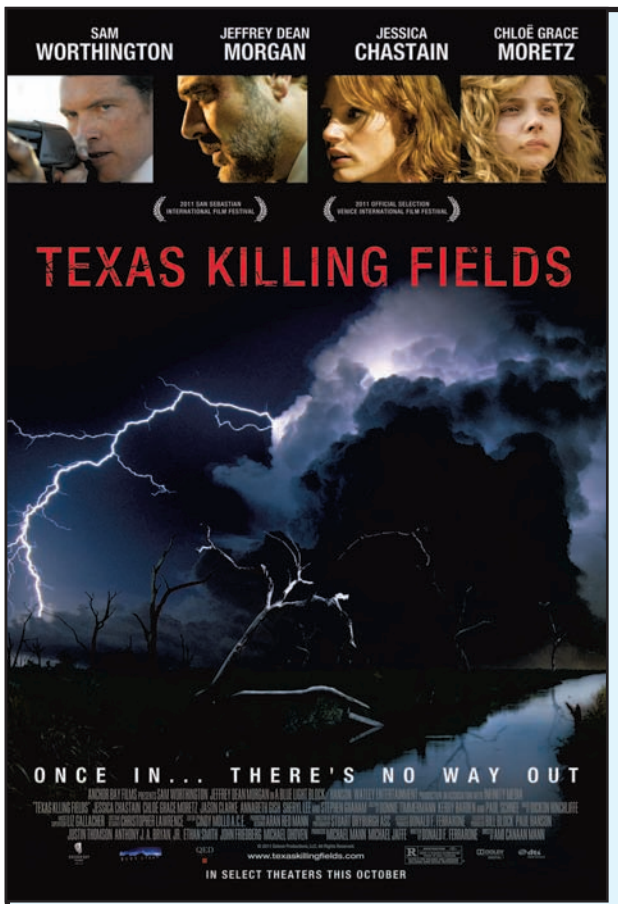


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- **Midnight in Paris** (PG–13) 8:15 P.M.
- **The Interrupters** (NR) 6:00 P.M.
- **Tabloid** (R) 8:30 P.M.
- **Steina** (NR) 6:00 P.M.

## LOGAN THEATRE
2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628

- **Closed for Renovations** (NR)

## MUSIC BOX
3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604

- **Weekend** (NR) 5:00,7:20,9:40
- **Tucker & Dale vs Evil** (R) 4:30,7:30,9:45

## THE PATIO THEATER
6008 W. Irving Park Road
(773) 685-4291

- **Drive** (R) 7:30

## RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily

- **Dolphin Tale** (PG) 11:05,4:30
- **Courageous** (PG–13) 11:55,3:00,6:05,9:10
- **Abduction** (PG–13) 11:25,4:20,9:25
- **Moneyball** (PG–13) 11:45,3:00,7:00,10:15
- **Drive** (R) 9:45 P.M.
- **50/50** (R) 11:00,1:45,4:20,7:10,9:35
- **The Ides of March** (R) 11:15,1:50,4:20,7:10,9:50
- **Contagion** (PG–13) 11:20,5:10,10:55
- AMC Independent **Machine Gun Preacher** (R) 2:00,7:50
- **The Lion King 3D** (G) 11:40,2:15,4:40
- **Killer Elite** (R) 11:30,2:30,5:30,8:30
- AMC Independent **Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain** (R) 2:00,7:05
- **Ghostbusters** (PG) 7:00 P.M.
- AMC Independent **Margaret** (R) 11:55,3:35,7:00,10:30
- **Footloose** (PG–13) 12:01 A.M.
- **Real Steel** (PG–13) 11:00,2:00,5:00,8:00,11:00
- **The Thing** (R) 12:01 A.M.
- **What's Your Number?** (R) 11:50,2:40,5:35,8:10,11:00
- **Dream House** (PG–13) 11:10,1:50,4:25,6:55,9:30
- **The Help** (PG–13) 11:35,2:40
- **Dolphin Tale 3D** (PG) 1:45 P.M.

## SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)
7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- **Dolphin Tale** (PG) 4:10,10:05
- **Courageous** (PG–13) 1:20,4:20,7:20,10:20
- **Abduction** (PG–13) 2:00,4:50,7:30,10:15
- **Moneyball** (PG–13) 12:50,1:50,4:05,5:05,7:15,8:15,10:30
- **Real Steel: The IMAX Experience** (PG–13) 1:15,4:25,7:35,10:45
- **Drive** (R) 7:50,10:35
- **50/50** (R) 1:35,4:15,6:50,9:30
- **The Ides of March** (R) 12:30,3:10,5:55,8:45
- **The Ides of March** (R) 2:10,4:55,7:45,10:25
- **Contagion** (PG–13) 2:30,5:10
- **The Lion King 3D** (G) 1:25,3:50,6:15,8:40
- **Killer Elite** (R) 2:30,11:00
- **Ghostbusters** (PG) 7:00 P.M.
- **Footloose** (PG–13) 7:00 P.M.
- **Real Steel** (PG–13) 2:15,5:25,8:35
- **What's Your Number?** (R) 12:00,2:35,5:15,8:00,10:40
- **Dream House** (PG–13) 4:45,7:30,10:10
- **Dream House** (PG–13) 12:55,3:45,6:30,9:10
- AMC Independent **The Way** (NR) 1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00
- **The Help** (PG–13) 1:30 P.M.
- **Dolphin Tale 3D** (PG) 1:15 P.M.

## WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641

- **Dream House** (PG–13) 12:45,3:20,5:40,8:10,10:30
- **What's Your Number?** (R) 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:05
- **Contagion** (PG–13) 12:25,2:55,5:25,7:55
- **Drive** (R) 12:40,3:05,5:30,10:35
- **The Lion King 3D** (G) 12:15,2:35,4:50,7:15,9:45
- **Moneyball** (PG–13) 1:10,4:10,7:10,10:15
- **Dolphin Tale** (PG) 12:50,6:40
- **Dolphin Tale 3D** (PG) 3:50,9:40
- **Killer Elite** (R) 10:25
- **50/50** (R) 12:10,2:40,5:10,7:40,10:10
- **Real Steel** (PG–13) 1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00
- **The Ides of March** (R) 12:20,1:50,2:50,4:20,5:20,6:50,7:50,9:20,10:20
- **Footloose** (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
- **Jack the Ripper and Butterfinger the 13th** (NR) 8:15

## SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)
E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1646

- **Dolphin Tale** (PG) 1:20,6:55
- **Abduction** (PG–13) 2:10,4:50,7:30,10:00
- **Shark Night 3D** (PG–13) 2:25,4:40,7:00,9:15
- **50/50** (R) 12:35,3:00,5:35,8:00,10:25
- **The Ides of March** (R) 2:00,4:35,7:10,9:35
- **Contagion** (PG–13) 2:05,4:45,7:15,9:55
- **The Lion King 3D** (G) 1:50,4:30,6:50,9:00
- **Killer Elite** (R) 1:15,4:15,7:00,9:45
- AMC Independent **Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain** (R) 1:55,4:05,6:35,9:05
- **Real Steel** (PG–13) 1:25,4:20,7:20,10:20
- **What's Your Number?** (R) 1:40,4:35,7:25,10:05
- **Dream House** (PG–13) 12:40,1:45,3:10,4:20,5:45,7:05,8:25,9:50
- **Colombiana** (PG–13) 2:45,5:25,8:10
- **Dolphin Tale 3D** (PG) 4:10,9:40

## SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)
4779 W. Cermak., Cicero
(800) 326-3264 #1644

- **Dolphin Tale** (PG) 2:40,7:50
- **Abduction** (PG–13) 2:00,4:30,9:30
- **Moneyball** (PG–13) 1:05,4:00,7:05,10:00
- **50/50** (R) 1:50,4:25,7:10,9:35
- **The Ides of March** (R) 12:35,3:00,5:35,8:05,10:30
- **Contagion** (PG–13) 12:15,2:50,5:30,8:00,10:30
- **The Lion King 3D** (G) 12:30,2:45,5:10,10:25
- **Killer Elite** (R) 1:25,4:15,7:20,10:15
- AMC Independent **Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain** (R) 12:05,2:25,4:45,6:55,9:25
- **Ghostbusters** (PG) 7:00 P.M.
- **Real Steel** (PG–13) 1:10,4:10,7:15,10:10
- **The Thing** (R) 7:30 P.M.
- **What's Your Number?** (R) 1:45,4:20,7:00,9:50
- **Dream House** (PG–13) 1:00,3:40,6:15,9:00
- **Dream House** (PG–13) 2:00,4:40,7:35,10:05
- **Colombiana** (PG–13) 1:20,4:05,6:40,9:10
- **Dolphin Tale 3D** (PG) 12:00,5:15,10:20

## SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION
Clark & Roosevelt, South Loop, Chicago
(312) 564-2104

- **Dolphin Tale 3D** (PG) 12:50,3:40,6:40,9:20
- **Jack the Ripper and Butterfinger the 13th** (NR) ★ 8:15 P.M.
- **Ghostbusters** (PG) ★ 7:00 P.M.
- **Real Steel** (PG–13) ★ 12:30,1:00,1:50,3:30,4:00,4:50,7:00,7:50,10:00,10:50
- **Contagion** (PG–13) 2:30,5:15,8:00,10:40
- **Dream House** (PG–13) ★ 2:20,5:00,7:30,9:55
- **What's Your Number?** (R) ★ 1:40,4:30,7:10,9:50
- **Moneyball** (PG–13) 1:10,4:10,7:15,10:20
- **Drive** (R) 2:10,4:45,7:45,10:30
- **The Lion King 3D** (G) 1:45,4:15,6:50,9:15
- **50/50** (R) 2:00,4:40,7:40,10:15
- **The Ides of March** (R) ★ 12:20,1:30,3:10,4:20,6:00,7:20,8:45,10:10,11:15
- **Thunder Soul** (PG) 1:15,3:45,10:45
- **Killer Elite** (R) 2:15,5:10,8:10,11:00

*VIP Premium 21+*

- **The Ides of March** (R) ★ *VIP Premium 21+* 12:20,3:10,6:00,8:45,11:15

## *OAK PARK*

## LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)
1022 Lake Street, Oak Park
(630) 444-FILM #560

- **Dolphin Tale** (PG) 4:00,9:00
- **Moneyball** (PG–13) 1:00,4:10,7:00,9:50
- **50/50** (R) ★ 12:30,2:45,5:00,7:15,9:30
- **The Ides of March** (R) ★ 12:00,2:20,4:40,7:00,9:20
- **Contagion** (PG–13) 2:25,7:10
- **The Lion King 3D** (G) 12:30,2:35,4:40,6:45,8:50
- **Real Steel** (PG–13) ★ 1:20,4:05,6:50,9:35
- **What's Your Number?** (R) ★ 12:00,4:45,9:30
- **Dolphin Tale 3D** (PG) 1:30,6:30

## *EVANSTON*

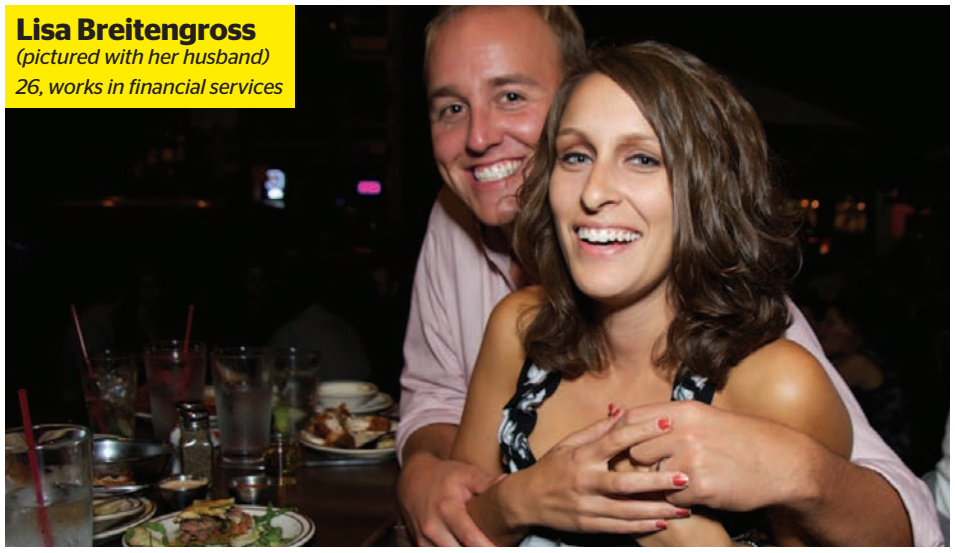
## CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)
1715 Maple Ave., Evanston
(847) 492-0123 ♿

- **50/50** (R) 11:40,12:55,2:10,3:25,4:40,5:55,7:10,8:25,9:40
- **Abduction** (PG–13) ◆ 12:40,10:10
- **Contagion** (PG–13) ◆ 11:55,2:30,5:10,7:45,10:20
- **Detective Dee and the Mystery of the Phantom Flame** (PG–13) 4:45,10:30
- **Dolphin Tale** (PG) ◆ 4:25,9:45
- **Dolphin Tale 3D** (PG) 1:45,7:05
- **Dream House** (PG–13) ◆ 12:50,3:20,5:35,7:55,10:15
- **Drive** (R) ◆ 12:20,2:50,5:20,7:50,10:20
- **Footloose** (PG–13) ◆ 12:01 Midnight
- **Ghostbusters** (PG) ◆ 7:30 P.M.
- **Jack the Ripper and Butterfinger the 13th** (NR) ◆ 8:15 P.M.
- **Killer Elite** (R) ◆ 1:55,7:35
- **Machine Gun Preacher** (R) 1:25,4:15
- **Moneyball** (PG–13) ◆ 11:35,1:10,2:40,4:10,5:40,8:50,10:25
- **Real Steel** (PG–13) ◆ 1:30,4:30,7:30,10:35
- **Real Steel** (PG–13) 12:00,3:00,6:00,9:00
- **Take Shelter** (R) 2:00,4:50,7:40,10:40
- **The Big Year** (PG) ◆ 12:01 Midnight
- **The Help** (PG–13) ◆ 3:50,6:55
- **The Ides of March** (R) 11:30,12:45,2:05,3:15,4:35,5:45,7:00,8:15,9:30,10:45
- **The Lion King 3D** (G) 12:15,2:35,4:55,7:15,9:35
- **The Thing** (R) ◆ 12:01 Midnight
- **What's Your Number?** (R) ◆ 11:45,2:15,4:50,7:25,10:00

# NIGHTCRAWLERS

**SEEN ON THE SCENE AT ... THE FIFTY/50, 2047 DIVISION ST.**

On Friday, we celebrated the Blackhawks season opener at The Fifty/50 where there were fans upstairs, downstairs and everywhere in between. **CRAIG SEYMOUR FOR REDEYE**



**Lisa Breitengross**
*(pictured with her husband)*
*26, works in financial services*

**What's the best drink for hockey?**
An ice cold beer.

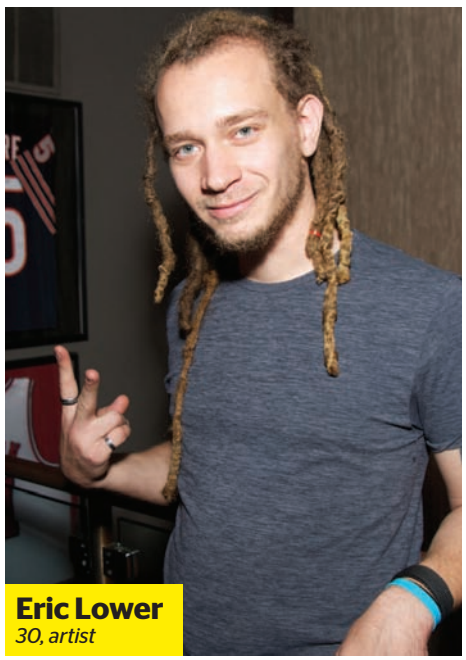
**For a woman, what's the appeal of hockey?**
The hot, sweaty men. The fights, I think they're fun. Patrick Sharp is hot, so you can't help but love him.

**How important is your love for hockey to the health of your marriage?**
Extremely important. We are Bears fans, Cubs fans, Hawks fans, Bulls fans and I think that's the best way to be.

**John Kula**
*29, graphic designer*

**If you had to explain the appeal of hockey to a space alien, what would you say?**
They would not understand it at all. I wouldn't even try.

**What's the best food and drink to go with hockey?**
Right now, wings and vodka. I'm not really a beer guy.



**Eric Lower**
*30, artist*

**What is your art about?**
I do a lot of animalistic paintings, combining people with animals, painting the skin of animals, feathers, scales, fur. ... I have a show at Aligned Health, which is up on Southport. It's opening on Oct. 27.

**What's the coolest animal?**
A lion, because I am a lion.

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# Beers on a dime

**Chicago Tribune**

There's no question we're in the midst of a golden age of beer. More than 1,750 breweries operated for some or all of 2010 in the U.S., the highest total since the late 1800s. Across the globe craft breweries such as Scotland's Brewdog, Denmark's Mikkeller and Italy's Birrificio Le Baladin are producing innovative, world-class beers that are available in just about any decent liquor store in the U.S.

As a result, there have never been more quality beers available. But few of those surfeit options are inexpensive.

Remember when you could pick up a six-pack of a craft beer for $6? It wasn't that long ago. But good luck finding a quality six-pack at that price today. In the last 10 years, beer prices have risen more than 25 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. That's because of a hop shortage, rising barley prices and overall inflation.

But that doesn't mean there aren't some really good, relatively inexpensive six-packs available. If you are willing to pay $8, less than the $10 to $15 that most people think of as a "cheap wine," you can find some fairly good beers in just about any style.

To prove our point we ventured to a variety of stores to find four affordable, appealing six-packs in four styles.

Sam Adams Boston Lager
BILL HOGAN/TRIBUNE

AMERICAN INDIA PALE ALE

### Mission St. India Pale Ale, $6.99

A golden-orange beer with bright citrus and flowery aromas and a flavor dominated by caramel, citrus and pine notes.

RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT

### Brooklyn Black Chocolate Stout, $7.99

OK, we're cheating a bit with this one because it actually comes in a four-pack, not a six-pack. But we're doing so because it is a Russian imperial stout, which often is one of the most expensive styles in any brewery's portfolio. Black Chocolate Stout is a jet-black beer that smells of dark chocolate, figs and espresso. The complex flavor is big and rich with hints of cocoa powder, dark coffee and prunes.

ENGLISH BITTER

### Goose Island Honker's Ale, $7.99

An amber-colored beer with bread, toffee and citrus aromas and a flavor that melds grainy flavors with earthy, herbal hop notes.

VIENNA LAGER

### Sam Adams Boston Lager, $7.99

A well-balanced, copper-colored beer with a creamy head and floral and caramel aromas. The beer is sweet and flavorful with a spicy, hoppy finish.

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773.404.2151
SATURDAY AT 11AM
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SUN • $15 Miller Lite & Bud Light Buckets • $8 Omelet Station • $15 Smoke House Tailgate Platter

MON • $6 Bud Light Pitchers • $10 312 & Green line Pitchers • $2 Pulled Pork Sliders

**Beckett's**
3210 N. Lincoln
773.880.9620

CORNHUSKER SATURDAYS • $5 Appetizers • $5 Miller Lite Stadium Cups • $4 Big Red Bombs • $6 Elk Creek Water

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312.527.5973

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2548 N. Southport
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• $6 Miller/Coors Blvd Schooners
• $6 Crossing Bloody's
• $5 Naismith Nachos
• $5 Mass St. Minis

**Durkin's Chicago**
810 W. Diversey
773.525.2515

SAT - *Illinois Football* • $5 O & O's • $5 32oz. Bud Light Drafts • $25 Football Feast

SUN - *Steelers Football* • $3 You Call Its featuring Iron City & Iron City Light Bottles

MON • $2 Jameson Shots • $3 Bud Lights • $4 Car Bombs and O-bombs

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WEST TOWN ★ CHICAGO
1072 N. Milwaukee
773.772.4322

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SAT • $8 Smoked Pig Roast Sandwiches (add cole sale or potato salad for $2 each) • $10 Miller Lite Pitchers • Import/Craft Canned Beer Specials (rotating weekly)

NFL Sundays • $15 Frontier Buffet (every Sunday from 12-3 p.m.) • $20 Craft Sampler Bucket • $15 Miller/Coors Buckets • $5 Bloody Marys • $5 Mimosas • $20 Hurricane & Colada Pitchers

**Gaslight**
2426 N. Racine
773.929.7759

SAT & SUN
• Blitz Burgers - 3 for $7 or 6 for $12 - Our 2 oz. mini burgers topped with Merkt's Cheddar, buffalo pulled pork and ranch cole slaw.
• The Huddle! - $6 - Carefully crafted beef chili over smoked cheddar sauce topped with sour cream, scallions and covered in crispy waffle fries.
• Dippy Pickles! - $5 - Hand-dipped beer battered deep fried kosher pickle chips, served with a side of spicy bacon ranch.

**Hi-Tops**
2462 N. Lincoln
773.549.3232

SUN
• $25 NFL Package
• $8 Bud Light and Rolling Rock Pitchers
• $4 22 oz Bud Light and Rolling Rock Stadium Cups

**Brownstone Saloon**
3369 N. Clark
773.244.1166

SAT - *Home of the Alabama Football!* • $4 22 oz. Domestic Drafts • $5 22 oz. Well Drinks • $5 Bama Bombs • $6 BBQ Pork Sandwich

SUN - Country Funday!!! • $3 SoCo Lime & Jameson Shots • $5 40 oz. Beers • $6 Bud, Bud Light & Bud Light Lime Pitchers

MON • 25 Cent Wings • $4 Jager Bombs • $12 Buckets of Miller/Coors Light

**Jimmy Greens**
825 S. State
312.386.9000

THURS
• Italian Beef with Fries: $5.95 • Stella Artois Draft: $4

SAT
• Jumbo Kettle One Bloody Mary: $7

TUES
• Build Your Own Burger: $5.95 • Bud Light Draft: $3

**Duffy's Tavern & Grill**
420 W. Diversey
773.549.9090

SAT - *Michigan Football* • $8 Domestic Drafts in 32 oz. mugs • $6 Bloody Mary Bar • Brunch from 10am-3pm

SUN - *ALL NFL Action!* • $6 Bloody Mary Bar • $19.95 Brunch buffet from 10am-3pm

MON • $2 All drafts • $3 Three Olive Cocktails • $5 for ALL food items from 11am-8pm

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# Everyone needs a 5 a.m. experience

**Emily Van Zandt**
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Nothing good may happen after 2 a.m., but you can bet some pretty hilarious stuff does.

Though I probably can count on one hand the number of times I've made it past the 4 a.m. mark in the past year, I stand firmly in favor of everyone needing to experience it at least once.

As RedEye 'Hoods blogger Anthony Spina points out in a recent post about The Owl in Logan Square: "What was the crowd like? Well, you definitely won't know by staying for an hour between 9:45 and 10:45 p.m. You need to shut that motha down."

Consider this column my co-sign. While it's not always possible for me to stay out until sunrise for my bar reviews, the idea that a person who only stops by a late-night spot early on isn't getting the full experience is spot-on. You can get a feel for the space, the menu, the music—but a bar can completely change once 2 a.m. hits.

If you haven't stayed out until late-night licenses kick in, you might think Bonny's and the Flat Iron are great places to talk over a beer. Or that no one goes to Evil Olive or Big City Tap.

Oh, people go. They don't go before 1 a.m., but they go.

If you don't stay past 4 a.m., you'll miss out how the clingy drunk factor in couples increases exponentially as the minutes tick by. I counted not one, but three different guys at Evil Olive last weekend carrying their girlfriends' heels around by the end of the night.

And if you haven't been out past 4 a.m., you don't fully understand how disgusting the thought of those girls running around barefoot on that dancefloor was. After eight hours of spilled vodka and Redbull, the floor was so sticky my flats were staying in place while I was trying to bust some ill-advised moves.

If you don't stay past 4 a.m., you don't understand how, at a certain point, pick up lines don't matter. Eye contact beyond 10 seconds pretty much says it all. You don't understand how picturesque diner pancakes can look as the sun comes up.

I'm not advocating everyone turn into a late night lurker. It's hard (and, frankly, expensive) to keep up that kind of weekend schedule. But everyone needs to get the full 5 a.m. experience at least once.

Trust me, the stories you'll come away with are more than worth the lack of sleep.

**EMILY VAN ZANDT IS A REDEYE REPORTER. SHE HAS A HARD TIME TALKING ABOUT THE NIGHT SHE WENT TO BIG CITY.**

# Chicago seafood spectacular

**Chicago Tribune**

Oyster lovers probably have had Friday's date circled in red for the past few months, but it's worth mentioning anyway: Shaw's Crab House's (21 E. Hubbard St., 312-527-2722) 23rd annual Royster With the Oyster festival concludes with its famed Oysterfest Tent Party from 3-10 p.m. Friday.

The party culminates a week of discount oyster deals, nightly slurp-off contests and other half-shell revels, but the tent party is the main event. More than 5,000 people attended last year's party, enjoying live music and downing trays and trays of fresh-shucked oysters (six for $6), fried shrimp (five for $5), lobster rolls ($15), jambalaya ($5), burgers ($5) and cold beer and wine. Admission is $10, partly benefiting Shedd Aquarium.

Shaw's Crab House
ANTONIO PEREZ/ TRIBUNE FILE

## 5 TO CHECK OUT

GT Fish & Oyster
TRIBUNE FILE

### GT Fish & Oyster

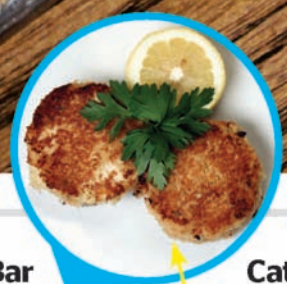
*531 N. Wells St., 312-929-3501*

Boka chef Giuseppe Tentori (that is, GT) proves adept at seafood at this River North hot spot (reservations extremely hard to come by), where customers receive take-home bottles of hot sauce at meal's end. But that's only after delving into a feast of small-plate goodies, including first-rate oysters (half-price Wednesdays after 10:30 p.m.), fish tacos and more.
**Recommended:** Mussels, crawfish with cannellini tortellini, lobster roll, crab legs, key lime pie, panna cotta

### Big & Little's

*939 N. Orleans St., 312-943-0000*

This tiny grill, manned by Gary Strauss (big) and Tony D'Alessandro (little) is the place to go for fish tacos, oyster po' boys, fish and chips, and plenty more.
**Recommended:** Soft-shell crab po' boy (when available), foie-gras fries.



### Hugo's Frog Bar & Fish House

*1024 N. Rush St., 312-640-0999*

This Gold Coast hot spot is one of the most reliable seafood destinations in town. But carnivores aren't excluded; steaks and chops from Gibsons (sister property and next-door neighbor) are available at any time.
**Recommended:** Crab cake, frog legs, turtle pie

### Catch 35

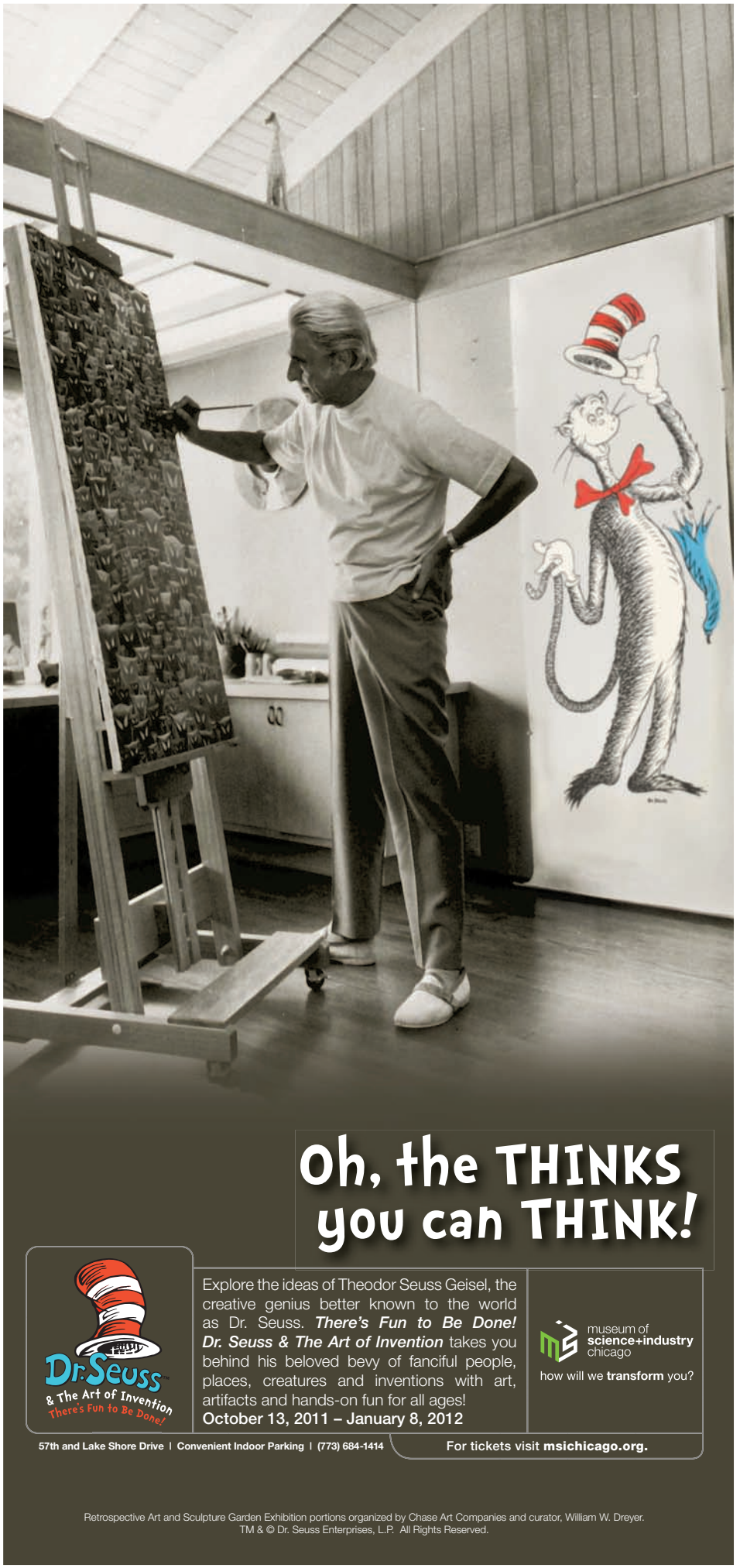
*35 W. Wacker Drive, 312-346-3500*

This restaurant is known for preparing its seafood with an Asian accent, though you'll also find Gulf redfish with sweet potato hash, swordfish Oscar and Parmesan-crusted whitefish on the menu. Oysters, all from the East Coast, are brought in daily.

### C-House

*166 E. Superior St., 312-523-0923*

The heralded Marcus Samuelsson (winner of "Top Chef Masters" in 2010) is the name behind this seasonal restaurant tucked inside the Affinia Hotel. The restaurant's former steak-and-seafood focus has given way to a locally-sourced approach, but there still are eight to 12 varieties of oysters flown in daily.
**Recommended:** Hamachi tacos, oysters.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Bethenny Frankel
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# Bethenny Frankel: It's a true story!

**CNN**

Viewers—at least most of them—know reality TV isn't always real, but Bravo star Bethenny Frankel may have gone a little overboard recently with her tale of being lost at sea.

Tim Russell, the man who "rescued" Frankel and her husband Jason Hoppy, tells The Jewish Journal that the pair was never in peril, and that the whole drama was staged.

Frankel told E! News of the adventure, claiming that she was lost at sea for 20 hours off the coast of Nantucket, Mass., last month.

"The captain had to call the Coast Guard and we were hit by a big wave," she said. "It was very scary. It was traumatic. Absolutely traumatic."

Russell says the Coast Guard was never involved.

"Tim went out because he respects the water, and was unsure of the problem," Journal columnist Ilana Angel wrote of the incident, noting that another boat company wouldn't go out, because there was no emergency. "Bethenny wasted everyone's time, mocked the USCG and belittled Tim Russell."

"When Tim got there, he saw the boat was fine," the report continues. "There were nine people on the boat. Bethenny, Jason, the therapist and a Bravo film crew of six. They did not need a tow as the boat was fine. They simply followed Tim and his wife back to the shore with no towing and a functioning GPS."

The former "Real Housewives" star is on the defensive, denying Russell's claim via Twitter.

Frankel writes: "Let's review this past week's idiocies: 1.) I have a 'nice' coach 2.) I'm getting divorced 3.) I'm pregnant 4.) I lied about being lost at sea. Anything else?"

When a follower asked, "People on twitter are saying your boat rescue was not really true?" Frankel replied, "People are nuts and bored."

CNN reached out to Frankel's rep regarding the allegation but has yet to receive a comment.

## OTHER TV NEWS

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Danny Pudi (left) and Gillian Jacobs star on NBC's "Community."

# Pudi funny

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**Community**
*7 p.m. Thursday, NBC*

Danny Pudi isn't always sure what's happening on the set of his NBC sitcom, "Community." That was especially the case while filming "Remedial Chaos Theory," Thursday's time-twisting episode.

"I'm just as confused, if not more confused, by this episode than anyone, which I love," the Chicago native told me Wednesday. "I love that we're exploring all these timelines and scenarios."

Don't let Pudi's confusion keep you from watching. It's a hilarious and thought-provoking episode filled with a lot of what-ifs. As complicated as it might seem, Pudi said, it's about the characters played by the show's terrific ensemble of Pudi, Donald Glover, Joel McHale, Chevy Chase, Alison Brie, Yvette Nicole Brown and Gillian Jacobs.

"I think it's really just a character exploration of what happens ... to the group dynamic when a person leaves," he said.

It begins with Pudi's character, Abed, and Troy (Glover) throwing a party for their study group pals in their new apartment. A game of Yahtzee and a pizza delivery leads the friends to live out the same few minutes in six different timelines.

Each alternate scenario kicks off with sci-fi fan Abed warning the group about the timeline split. Cynical Jeff (McHale) mocks him, of course. Pudi said that although the episode seems simple enough up to that point, it was "definitely the most complicated episode we've shot in sort of tracking everything."

"By the 50th time you're saying, 'Jeff, you're creating six different timelines,' you kind of don't even know which timeline you're on," he said.

Pudi watched the 1998 German film "Run Lola Run," which told three versions of the same story, to get in the mindset for the episode. Doing research to figure out what's happening, or, more likely, what his character, a pop culture and film savant, is referencing, isn't unusual for Pudi. He picks the brains of the show's writers, along with hitting the video store.

"I can't say it's going to help me, but I try to really pay attention to what's happening around me because Abed's always very observant and very specific about what's happening, especially about human behavior," he said. "The other thing is I try to learn as much as possible. If there are references to things that he might have watched and is referencing ... I try to watch them."

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# 3 TO PLAY

BY RYAN SMITH | FOR REDEYE

## Ace Combat: Assault Horizon

*PS3, XB360*

Jet combat, for whatever reason, hasn't been a popular genre in video games, maybe because piloting a flying machine going hundreds of miles an hour while trying to track down a target is way harder than it looks. "Ace Combat" does a good job not overwhelming you with details; it thrusts you into the cockpit and lets the computer take some of the control so you can have fun gunning down enemies. There's both a campaign mode and a multiplayer mode that lets you dogfight human players. The game's story can be cheesy, but let's face it, so was "Top Gun."

## Forza Motorsport 4

*XB360*

"Forza Motorsport 4" is like porn for car enthusiasts. You can pick one of 500 cars from more than 80 manufacturers and race against the computer or your friends in the multiplayer mode. In Autovista mode, you can ogle the game's hottest cars and learn about the cars' features and history with commentary from "Top Gear's" Jeremy Clarkson. Add in stunning graphics and Kinect compatibility, and there's no question that the fourth in the "Forza" series leaves every other racing simulator on Xbox 360 in the dust.

## Dead Rising 2: Off the Record

*PS3, XB360, PC*

Sequels are commonplace, but how often are games re-released with a different main character? Not often, which makes "Off the Record" a curiosity. The zombie-killing action game is set in the Las Vegas clone of Fortune City and has the same plot and characters as "Dead Rising 2." But ho-hum protagonist Chuck Greene has been jettisoned for Frank West, the down-on-his-luck photojournalist from the original game. Sure, "Dead Rising 2" was a great game, and this one also includes a Sandbox mode and a brand new zone to explore, but "Off the Record" still is recommended only for those who never played the previous game or those totally obsessed with zombies.

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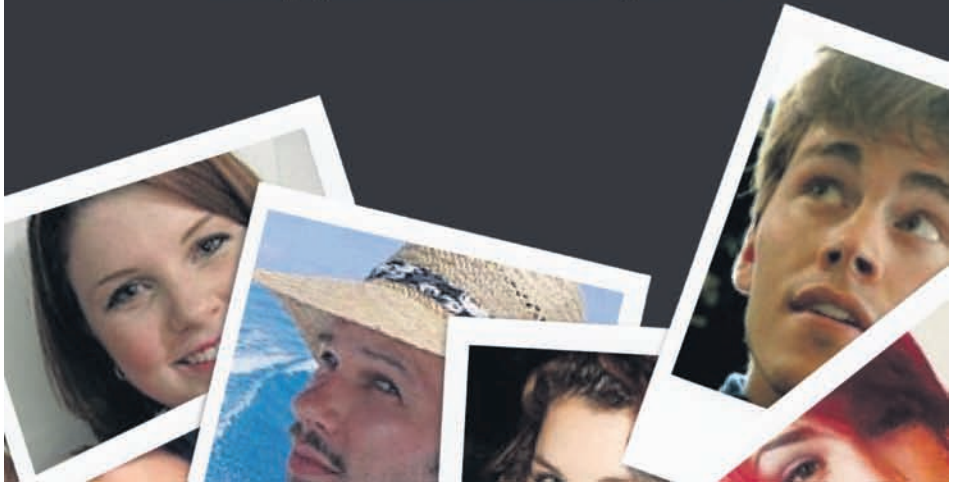

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# New music site might be your big break

**Reuters**

Attention musicians looking for a big break outside landing on "American Idol" or "The X-Factor": Rock City Club is open for business.

**Rockcityclub.com** launches Friday, dubbing itself a "social music network" with aggressive plans to consolidate services such as artist development, promotion and distribution into a one-stop shop integrated with Facebook, Twitter and other social media. It will charge a $12.95 monthly user fee.

Jack Wishna, who previously has brokered Las Vegas concert deals for the likes of Michael Jackson and Britney Spears and is chief executive of Rock City Club parent company Rockrena, said the site is designed to create tomorrow's music stars rather than simply identify them.

"Everyone looks at discovering talent these days from what they see," Wishna said. "They see 'American Idol.' They see 'The X-Factor.' They see 'The Voice' and Myspace and YouTube. It's a crowded field, and all they do is look for the needle in the haystack. What we do, in essence, is take care of the haystack."

Rock City Club's ambitious platform takes a broad approach to developing artists online. Performers register via Facebook or Twitter and gain access to applications that help organize and distribute music, raise their profile among potential fans and allow them to interact with listeners.

As artists gain a following, Rock City plans to offer the most popular performers a chance to stream live shows and compete for a performance contract at the Palms Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. Selected artists also get coached by the "Producer's Circle," a group of on-staff advisers whose credits include songs for Madonna and Aerosmith.

Rock City Club wants to merge new Web technology with Kirshner's old-school approach to developing potential stars by working with talent that might not fit the reality TV mold.

" 'American Idol' rates popularity," he said. "We are going to focus on core values like stage presence, talent and marketability that have made big names in the past."

Fans can make money too. If invited, a widget is placed on their Facebook page allowing friends to hear music from bands they support. When people purchase individual tracks online, the fan will receive 25 percent of the profits from each sale.

## The competition

Rock City Club already has significant competition:

» ReverbNation, established in 2006, includes many of the same social media components at no charge, although it also has a "premium" package with more features at an additional cost.

» Myspace recently recruited Justin Timberlake to help their rebranding as a music-based social network, and simply posting homemade videos on YouTube remains the easiest and cheapest way to gain exposure. Just ask Justin Bieber.

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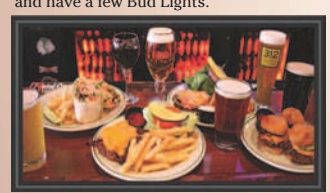

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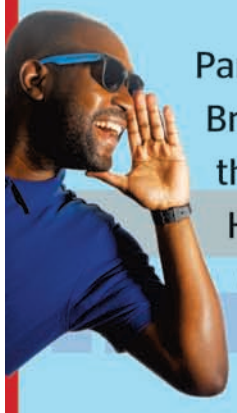

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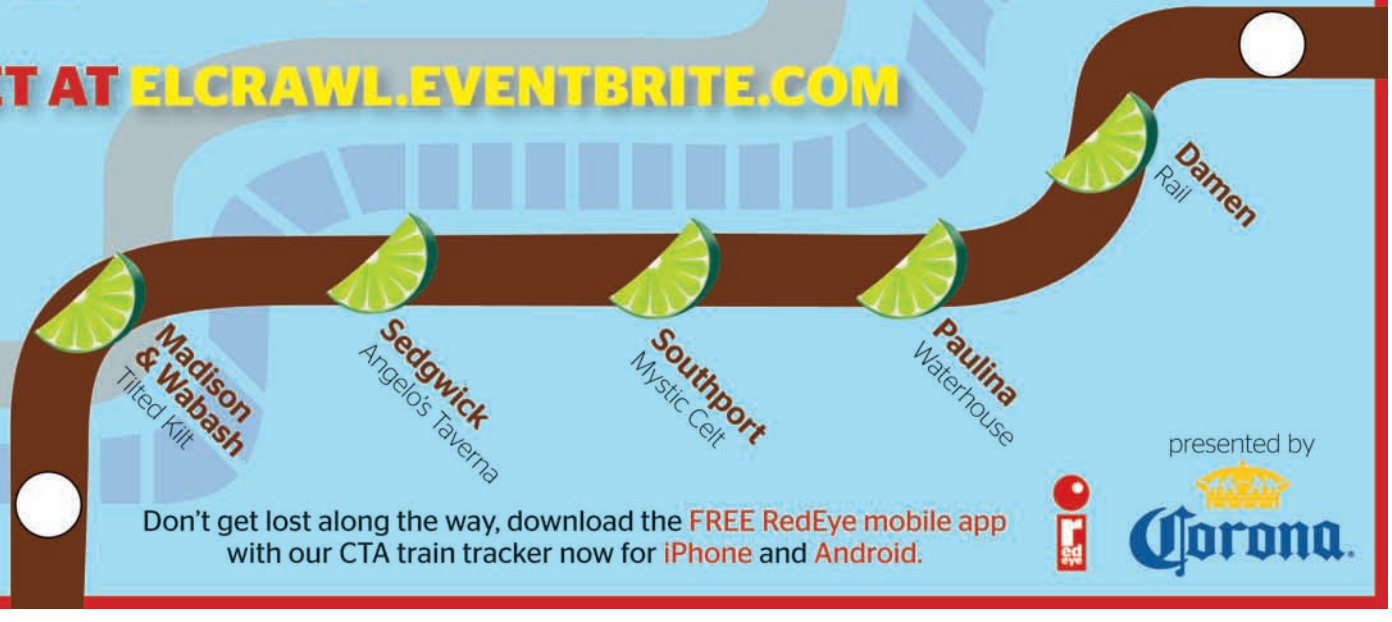


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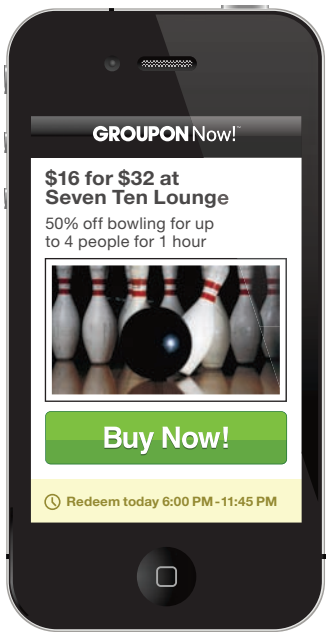


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FYI Massif Collection's Scott Branscum couldn't name retailers that might carry the collection, but did say Bloomingdale's, Nordstrom and boutiques like Fred Segal are on his list.

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# ARMY OF HOTNESS

## Military supplier Massif prepares a line for civilians

**Los Angeles Times**

The look and feel of the modern man's closet owes much to the military. Standard-issue pieces including the trench coat, the khaki trouser and aviator-style sunglasses have come to the wardrobe via the warrior.

Now a West Coast company that few people outside of the military know exists is preparing to leverage a decade of dressing troops on the battlefield into a line of designer clothes for civilians that will meld high tech with high style. The garments will look like John Varvatos or Hugo Boss, but they'll also be designed to follow the articulations of the human body, prevent body odor, wick moisture, offer a greater range of motion and be studded with stealth pockets. Called Massif Collection, the line is poised to hit stores with fall clothes in late July.

"There are some elements of Hugo Boss, to [Massif Collection], some elements of Victorinox and RLX Ralph Lauren, but looking at everything—how it relates, the taste level of the consumer, the price point and everything the closest thing would be Varvatos," said Scott Branscum, vice president and general merchandising manager of Massif's consumer brands. "It's classic, it's got beautiful style and beautiful fabrics."

Indeed, many of the 40 styles in the inaugural collection have the same crisp, tailored, military-meets-minimalist aesthetic of Varvatos' oeuvre, especially pieces such as the five-button wool blazer that could have marched right off the end of a European runway.

But a closer look reveals a Swiss Army knife's worth of functionality lurking beneath the luxe. The super-soft blazer is crafted from a four-way stretch wool and is designed with articulated sleeves and diamond-shaped gussets under the arms—characteristics that afford comfort and a greater range of motion. It also boasts anti-microbial and moisture management properties (to control odor and drying speed, respectively), four inner zip pockets and a fifth, barely noticeable, zippered stealth pocket built into the blazer's left forearm. (But unlike its military counterparts, the civilian wear is not flame-resistant.)

These kinds of performance details run through the entire collection, which includes lightweight jackets (most at a suggested retail price of $250 to $350 with one leather jacket priced at $850), blazers ($350 to $550), sweaters ($350 to $450), button-front shirts ($100 to $200) and trousers ($120 to $220).

The Massif Collection jacket
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# Give your spine a break: Stand tall

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In honor of mothers everywhere, Sunday has been designated Don't Slouch Day.

Well, technically, it's National Spinal Health Day, but if we had listened to our mothers when they told us not to slouch, there probably would be less need for a day devoted to education about back pain.

Poor posture puts stress on the spine, which can lead to all sorts of neck, back and hip problems.

But the benefits of standing straight go beyond that. In January, Northwestern University released a study which found that job-seekers with good posture fare better than those who slouch. And in case it's not a job you're looking for, the same pattern proved true for people trying to get a date.

BackJoy, a company that sells back orthotics, offers these tips for a healthier back:

» Strengthen core muscles through yoga or pilates or exercises such as ab crunches, bridges, planks and back extensions.

» Use pelvis and back supports to reduce slouching when sitting.

» Consider posture education courses. Correcting bad posture requires a conscious act initially, but adopting new habits can make proper posture automatic.

» Make your mother proud. (OK, that wasn't really one of the tips, but it could be the outcome.)

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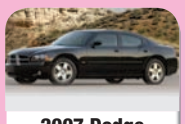

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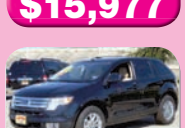

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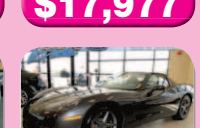

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**Tribune Newspapers**

For anyone trying to do more with less space, the most important big screen in the house may not be LCD but, rather, cardboard, plastic or felt. Room dividers in a variety of materials can be smart solutions for consumers who need to downsize, are tired of a floor plan that's too open or simply want to carve out a home office in a corner of the family room. A range of the latest materials and looks is presented here.

## Cardboard

We first spotted the ingeniously simple Struktur at the Milan furniture fair. The German furniture firm Zeitraum handed out the 10 1/2-inch-long pieces of notched cardboard, which can be fit together in infinite ways.
**Details:** zeitraum-moebel.de

## Felt

The Spanish design studio ABR created Feel-Thru, felt panels connected by magnets and hung from an overhead track. The panels can fold like an accordion or slide out to screen views and absorb noise.
**Details: fordandching.com** (under "lines," click on "ABR")

## Plastic

The design studio Mio sells Loop by the Yard, a textile-like material made from Tyvek that can be used to make a DIY room divider. Co-founder Jaime Salm said the screens pictured here could be re-created with a ceiling hook, fishing line, a wooden dowel and some sewing.
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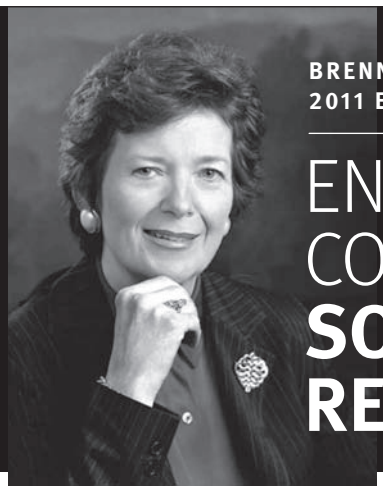

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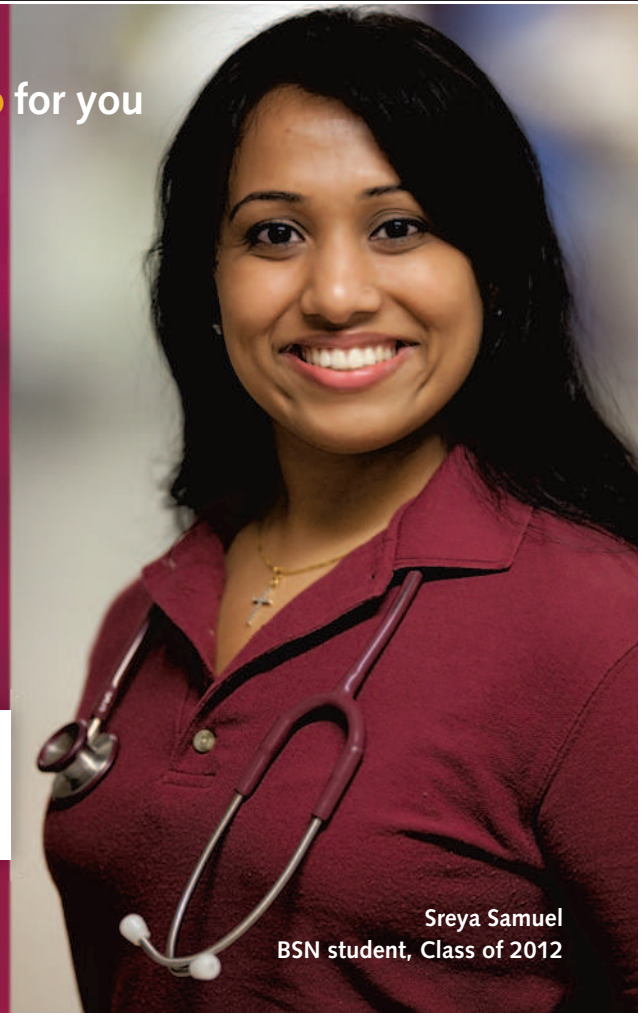
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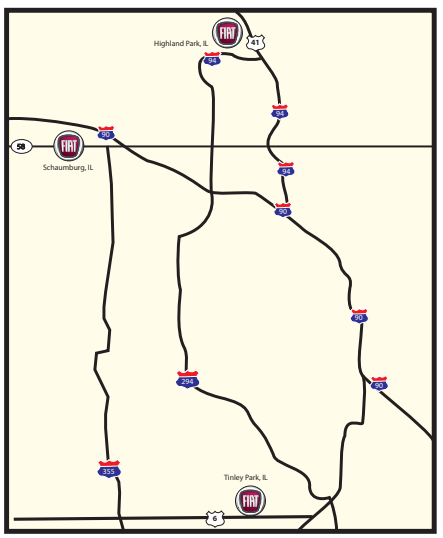


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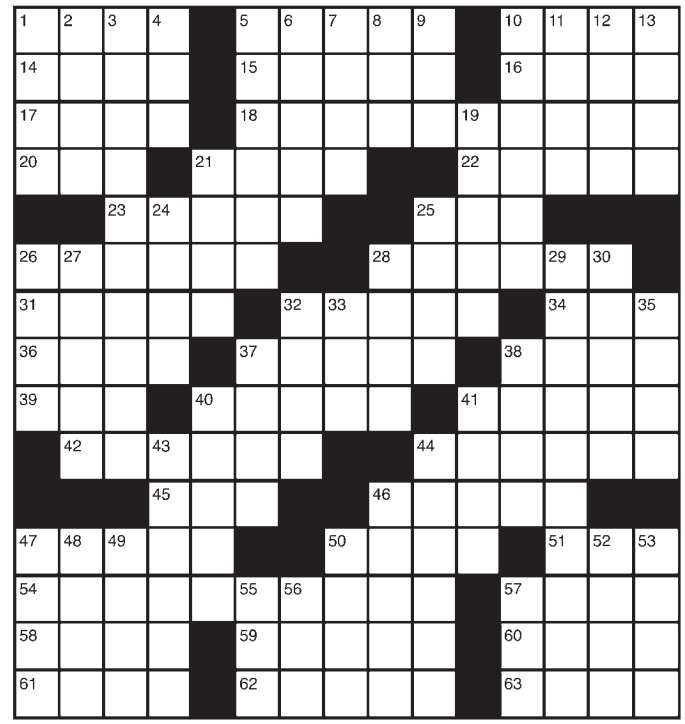
**1845:** Texas ratified a state constitution.
**1997:** A jet-powered car driven by British Royal Air Force pilot Andy Green streaked across Nevada's Black Rock Desert at speeds topping 764 mph, faster than the speed of sound.

**ACROSS**
1 Fords and Chevys
5 Lawn border trimming tool
10 Messy person
14 Prolonged pain
15 Depart
16 Theater box
17 In a _; miffed
18 Vanishes
20 One and nine
21 Clockmaker _ Thomas
22 Freeway divisions
23 Each
25 Brimless hat
26 Fundamentals
28 Athlete
31 Group of eight
32 Pattern of tire ridges
34 Policeman
36 Forehead
37 Actress Loretta
38 "Heart and _"; classic piano duet
39 McCain or Boxer: abbr.
40 Well-known
41 Division of a long poem
42 Free from risk of loss
44 Paddled a narrow boat
45 Most common conjunction
46 _ pole; carved pillar
47 Pottery fragment
50 Bodies of water
51 Actress Lupino
54 Pioneer; leader
57 High cards
58 Charitable gift
59 Parts of speech
60 Luggage _; suitcase holder
61 Pegs for Els
62 Thickheaded
63 BPOE folks

**DOWN**
1 Group of actors
2 Skin blemishes
3 Imitation gem
4 _ up; arrange
5 Parents and grandparents
6 Supreme Being
7 Deep wound
8 Zsa Zsa's sister
9 Title for House members: abbr.
10 Disreputable
11 Bank offering
12 Meanie
13 Mrs. Truman
19 Implore
21 Religious splinter group
24 Panorama
25 Pennant
26 Hope & Barker
27 TV's "Green _"
28 Remain unsettled
29 Cost-effective
30 Mailman's beat
32 Heavy book
33 Have regrets
35 Trudge
37 Three feet
38 Not bananas
40 Provides money for
41 Lynxes & lions
43 Embrace
44 Not smooth
46 Adolescents
47 Quarrel
48 Robust
49 High point
50 Shock
52 Stack of cards
53 Inquires
55 Conclusion
56 Foot digit
57 "You _ what you eat"



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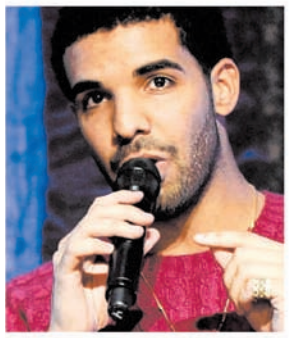
# Back to school

## Forget acting: What careers are these celebs *really* suited for?

**By Dana Moran** | REDEYE

"Back to school, back to school, to prove to Dad that I'm not a fool ..." No, this isn't "Billy Madison." VH1 will put celebs through high school aptitude tests on a new show from "American Idol" host Randy Jackson, **deadline.com** reports. The famous faces then will undergo training in their new fields. While "Aptitude Test" won't air until 2012, we had a few advance suggestions for celebs who might be looking for a change. DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | @REDEYEDANA



### Drake

*New career: Bloomingdale's salesman*

While the singer now is best known for his tunes, his star first rose on "Degrassi: The Next Generation." But we think Drake is suppressing a third passion—sweaters. Lots and lots of cardigan sweaters. Give the man a chance to share his highbrow tastes in merino and cable-knit with the masses and many a housewife will be wooed into a new wardrobe for her husband.

### Anna Kendrick

*New career: Children's pageant director*

The "50/50" star is only 26—AND she was nominated for a Tony Award at age 12 for her role in "High Society"! Anna could draw on her days as a ringlet-pigtailed moppet to keep wretched "Toddlers & Tiaras" tot Eden Wood from squawking "Cutie Patootie" in a voice that makes dogs cry.

### Kal Penn

*New career: Medicinal marijuana lobbyist*

Though Kal has left his job at the White House Office of Public Engagement, we're sure he probably still yearns for his days with President Obama. A combination of politics and "Harold and Kumar" could be enough to satisfy his cravings—and buddy Neil Patrick Harris might just decide to lend a hand.

**Katy Perry/Zooey Deschanel** *New career: Stunt double for each other*

Seriously, look at these two. We're pretty sure there are days when Ben Gibbard and Russell Brand can't even tell their respective wives apart. There must be plenty of times when Zooey wants to wear firecracker bras and Katy wants to be all doe-eyed and innocent. Too bad hordes of fans still will attack them since they're both hugely famous. REDEYE ILLUSTRATION

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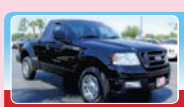

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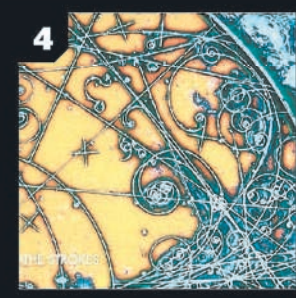
**Hi-yo, Silver!**
It's on. It's off. It's back on! "The Lone Ranger," starring Johnny Depp as Tonto and Armie Hammer as the Lone Ranger, has been put back in the mix by Disney, **deadline.com** reports. Hey, whatever it takes to keep Deep from overdosing on pirate movies.

# LET'S ROCK

**Radiohead**
*"Paranoid Android"*

**Arcade Fire**
*"Rebellion (Lies)"*

**Outkast**
*"Hey Ya!"*




**The Strokes**
*"Last Nite"*

**The Killers**
*"Mr. Brightside"*

Quick—name the best song of the past 15 years. NME picked its top song, and it's hard to argue with the music mag's choice. Here are the Top 5 on NME's list.

**Bad boy**
Your next James Bond villain? How about Javier Bardem, whose Oscar-winning turn in "No Country for Old Men" proved he's bad to the bone? Bardem did, however, tell "Nightline," "I cannot give you many details." "Bond 23" is due in November 2012.

"Streaking through a large crowd has always been a secret fantasy of mine."

— **Rashida Jones** in an interview with Playboy, singling out Disneyland and the Apple Store as potential targets

**Urkel's got game**
Jaleel White—the actor formerly and forever known as Urkel from "Family Matters"—is getting a game show on Syfy, **usmagazine.com** reports. "Total Blackout," which is scheduled to air in 2012, will be a stunt competition in the dark. The show already is a hit with versions in Norway, Japan, Greece and Belgium.

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